

REMARKS

Claims 4 and 5 have been amended. Claims 1-3 and 7 have been canceled without prejudice. The allowance of claims 8 and 9 is gratefully acknowledged. Claims 4-6, 8, and 9 are pending in the application. Applicants reserve the right to pursue the original claims and other claims in this and other applications.

The statement that claims 4-6 are directed to allowable subject matter is gratefully acknowledged. Claims 4 and 5 have been rewritten to include all of the limitations of claim 1, upon which they previously depended. Accordingly, they are now in condition for allowance.

Claims 4 and 5 stand objected to as being duplicates of claims 8 and 9. Applicants respectfully submit that claims 4 and 5 are not duplicates of claims 8 and 9. For example, claims 4 and 5 both recite that “the outer part (15) is the furthest part from an axis of rotation of the outer part (15) in a direction perpendicular to the axis of rotation.” Claims 8 and 9 do not include this limitation. Applicants respectfully request that the objection be withdrawn and the claims allowed.

Claims 1-3 and 7 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over U.S. Patent No. 6,241,472 (“Bosch”) in view of U.S. Patent No. 4,209,259 (“Rains”). Applicants respectfully disagree with this finding for the reasons discussed in the previously filed Amendments. However, to expedite prosecution of this application, claims 1-3 and 7 have been canceled to render this rejection moot.

In view of the above, Applicants believe the pending application is in condition for allowance.

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